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1. THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS TRANSMITTED FOR THE USE OF
THE US DELEGATION TO THE 17TH GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION IN
CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEMS 4(C) AND/OR 7(A).

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2. QUOTE: IT IS NOT OUR DESIRE TO SEE ANY COUNTRY FORCED TO FOREGO THE BENEFITS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNDP. WE ARE PLEASED THAT ONE COUNTRY HAS DECLARED IT WILL NOT REQUEST AN IPF FOR THE SECOND CYCLE AND WE HOPE OTHERS MAY FOLLOW SUIT. GRADUATING TO A PURE DONOR STATUS SHOULD BE VOLUNTARY AS A COUNTRY FEELS IT IS ABLE TO DO SO, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE MORE PROSPEROUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FEEL THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AS A WHOLE THAT THEY ALLOW THE POORER COUNTRIES TO HAVE FIRST PRIORITY ON THE USE OF UNDP RESOURCES.

3. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF UNDP RECIPIENTS WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO BECOME MUCH MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST.

IN PARTICULAR, THERE ARE COUNTRIES WITH ABUNDANT MINERAL RESOURCES WHICH ENJOY LARGE EXPORT EARNINGS AND HIGH PER CAPITA GNP WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT PERMIT INCREASES IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS MANY TIMES OVER. THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES ARE THE MOST OBVIOUS CASE AS MOST OF THEM ENJOY VERY SUBSTANTIAL EARNINGS FROM THEIR EXPORTS. FURTHERMORE SEVERAL OF THESE COUNTRIES ALREADY HAVE VERY HIGH PER CAPITA GNP WITH INDICATIONS THAT THEY WILL RISE MUCH HIGHER.

4. KUWAIT, LIBYA, QATAR AND VENEZUELA, EVEN IN 1971, HAD PER CAPITA GNP FIGURES OVER DOLS 1,000. GABON, IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA ALSO ENJOY LARGE EXPORT EARNINGS AND RAPIDLY RISING PER CAPITA GNP. I MENTION THESE COUNTRIES ONLY AS THE MORE OBVIOUS EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHICH MIGHT MAKE LARGE QUANTUM INCREASES IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. MAY I SAY, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT IN OUR ANNUAL JUSTIFICATION BEFORE OUR CONGRESS OF THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP, WE HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME. IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN WHY KUWAIT OR SAUDI ARABIA NEEDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO EXPLAIN TO CONGRESS WHY, WITH THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT THEIR COMMAND, NO MEMBER OF OPEC

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CONTRIBUTES EVEN AS MUCH AS ONE MILLION DOLLARS. THE COMBINED CONTRIBUTIONS OF THESE COUNTRIES REPRESENT ONLY ABOUT 1.3 PERCENT OF TOTAL 1974 CONTRIBUTIONS. END QUOTE.
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